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Artist Biography

Ian Davenport (b. 1966)

Ian Davenport is one of the leading British abstract artists of his generation. He graduated from Goldsmiths College of Art in 1988 and as one of the generation of Young British Artists he participated in the seminal 1988 exhibition Freeze. Two years after graduation he had his first solo show and a year later, in 1991, he was shortlisted for the Turner Prize. The subject of numerous exhibitions worldwide, Davenport has also undertaken several commissions for public installations, including the 50m long painting on Southwark Street, London. In 2017, he was invited to produce a pavilion for the 57th Venice Biennale for Swatch, and designed a limited edition watch. Davenport has also recently hand-painted a series of porcelain plates in collaboration with Meissen and designed a special edition bag for Christian Dior. Davenport lives and works in London.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Crazy*, Chiostro del Bramante, Rome, Italy
Mirrors, Luca Tommasi, Milan, Italy
Ian Davenport, Galerie Boisserée, Cologne, Germany
- 2021 *Ian Davenport - Colour Explosion*, Galerie Haas & Gschwandtner, Salzburg, Austria
The Help Portfolio, Jealous Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *Defining Space*, Waddington Custot, London, UK
Sequence, Kasmin Gallery, New York, US
Ian Davenport: Chromatic, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *Synaesthesia*, Luca Tommasi, Milan, Italy
The Interaction of Colour, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Horizons*, Dallas Contemporary, Texas, US
Colourscapes, Waddington Custot, London, UK
New Works on Paper, Slewe Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Cascade, Custot Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Colourfall, Galerie Haas & Gschwandtner, Salzburg, Austria
- 2017 *Melismatic*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
Giardini Colourfall, Swatch pavilion at The Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2016 *5 Years at Heddon Street*, Pippy Holdsworth, London, UK
Doubletake, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, US
Galleria Tega, Milan, Italy
Seeing Round Corners, Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK
Cadence, Andres Thalmann, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2015 Pace Prints, New York, US
Dan Galeria, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition, London, UK
Right Now!, Mission Gallery, Swansea, UK
- 2014 *Colourfall*, Waddington Custot Galleries, London, UK
Editions & Acquisitions, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
Hidden in Plain Sight: British Abstract Art from the Collection, Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Plymouth, UK
- 2013 *Colorfall*, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, USA

- 2013 *Thirteen*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 *Route 66: Ian Davenport/Alberto DiFabio*, Luca Tommasi, Monza, Italy
Between the Lines, Art Plural Gallery Ltd, Singapore
Ian Davenport, Galerie Andres Thalmann, Switzerland
- 2012 *Ian Davenport: Reflex*, Giacomo Guidi Arte Contemporana, Rome, Italy
- 2011 *Ian Davenport*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Ian Davenport; Quick Slow Quick Quick Slow, Waddington Custot Galleries, London, UK
PRISMATIC, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 *Ian Davenport*, AllerArt, Bludenz, Austria
The Future Demands Your Participation: Contemporary Art from the British Council Collection, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2009 *New Prints and Monoprints*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
Ian Davenport, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, US
- 2008 *Poured Lines*, Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 2007 Theo Contemporary, Seoul, Korea
- 2006 Southwark Bridge Commission, London, UK
Ovals, Arches, Lines, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
How to Improve the World, Hayward, London, UK
Passion for Paint, National Gallery, London, UK
- 2005 Slewe Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
René Xippas Gallery, Paris, France
- 2003 *Days Like These*, Tate Triennale, London, UK
- 2002 *Inheriting Matisse*, Rocket Gallery, London, UK
- 2000 *Fact and Value*, Charlottenburg, Denmark
- 1999 *Examining Pictures*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK; MOCA, Chicago, US
- 1997 *Ace !*, South Bank Centre, London and touring, UK
- 1996 *Real Art – A New Modernism*, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 1994 *Here and Now*, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
- 1990 *The British Art Show*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK
- 1988 *Freeze*, Surrey Docks, London, UK
- 1985 *Young Contemporaries*, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, UK

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- CH Weltkunst Collection, Zurich
- DE Von der Heydt Museum, Wuppertal
- FR FNAC Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris
- IT Museum of Modern Art, La Spezia
- UK Arts Council Collection, London
The British Council, London
Contemporary Art Society, London
National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, Wales
Southampton City Art Gallery
Tate, London
Unilever, London
Grosvenor Museum, Cheshire
- US Dallas Museum of Art, Texas